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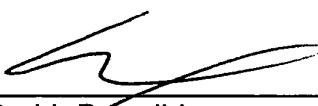
Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC 119 and 37 CFR 1.55, applicants hereby claim the
right of priority based on:

**Japanese Application No. 10-341964
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No. 09/452,172, filed December 1, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,505,199, said certified
document filed on January 4, 2000. Acknowledgement thereof is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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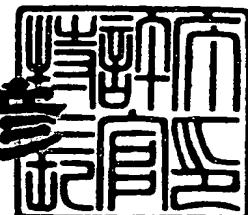
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